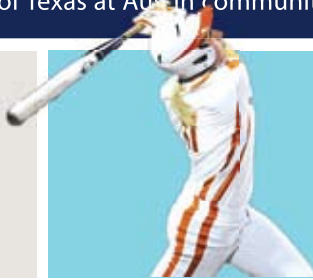




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TODAY

Calendar

'La Vigilia'

Riso Puleo, an assistant curator of contemporary art will speak on Juliana Guilisasti's "La Vigilia" in the Blanton Museum of Art from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

'Traveling with Jihad'

The Thompson Conference Center will be hosting the film "Jihad" at 6 p.m. This film examines three of the world's faith: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Texas Softball

Texas Longhorns play the University of Houston from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at McCombs Field.

Electric Touch

An acoustic band with special guest Liars & Saints will be playing at Cactus Cafe at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Chris Botti

Riverbend Centre will be hopsting the Jazz and Blues singer at 8 p.m.

Anders Osborne

Antones will be hosting this blues singer at 9 p.m.

Today in history

In 1997

Astronomers discover rings around Uranus.

Campus Watch

The martial art of lying

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Criminal Trespass: A non-UT subject approached an unknown subject's property and began looking at it. When confronted, the subject asked the other person if he wanted to fight. During the investigation the officers located the subject sitting on the north end of the field. The subject informed the officers that he had been asking the students if they wanted to practice martial arts with him. The officer learned the subject had received a prior written Criminal Trespass Warning and took the subject into custody for Criminal Trespass. Occurred on: 3-08-11, at 1:26 p.m.



Quote to note

"You have to be careful. There's a distribution process that's important for tax collection."

— **David Jabour**
President of Twin Liquors

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82ND LEGISLATURE

Bill seeks to end texting while driving

Karen Brooks looks at the smashed remains of a pick-up truck destroyed in a fatal accident involving texting and driving.



Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

By Allie Kolechta
Daily Texan Staff

A wrecked pick-up truck stood out against the Capitol lawn Wednesday as legislators and members of the media mourned the death of 17-year-old Alex Brown. The Brown family spoke at a press conference at the Capitol in support of a bill that would ban sending and viewing text messages and e-mails on wireless communica-

tion devices such as cell phones while operating a moving motor vehicle. Orange wristbands with the slogan "Texting and Driving: It Can Wait" and pamphlets on the dangers of texting and driving were available. State representatives spoke about the bill, but Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, who authored the bill, had a medical emergency just before the press conference.

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Left: Advertising sophomore Kevin Eisenbaum picks up a ball during a game of Ga-ga ball, an Israeli version of dodge ball, with Mordechi Trepp, 4, and other children at the 13th Annual Israel Block. The block party was sponsored by the Texas Hillel. **Below:** Hannah Abbasi, a religious studies and history junior, and Mohamed Fakhreddine, a computer science master's student, protest at the 13th Annual Israeli Block Party. Some protesters held signs accusing the Texas Hillel of raising funds for the Israeli army.

Photos by Erika Rich (left) and Trent Lesikar (below)
Daily Texan Staff

ISRAEL NATION JUBILATION

Event works to spread information about country, provide University community with taste of culture

By Molly Moore
Daily Texan Staff

A dozen white tents on the South Mall introduced students to diverse aspects of Israeli life in the 13th Annual Israel Block Party.

The block party, which Texas Hillel sponsors, aims to spread information on the culture and history of Israel and its people. Different booths focused on areas such as environmental policy, the Israeli Defense Force, humanitar-



ian aid and religion.

"We were aiming for a balance between educating and entertaining by hoping to demonstrate how Israel is modern and up-to-date," said Naomi Gottesman, a corporate communications se-

nior and a chair for the event. "It's also a chance to advocate for Israel and demonstrate what Israel has contributed to our society."

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New Hampshire attempts to restrict student voting

By Huma Munir
Daily Texan Staff

New Hampshire Republicans are pushing legislation that could make it more difficult for the state's college students to vote.

Other proposed laws might prevent students from voting by tightening the definition of residency, according to the New Hampshire Legislature website. Texas is not considering any similar laws.

One of the bills would end the Election Day registration, keeping citizens from signing up last minute and casting their votes. Most states, including Texas, do not allow Election Day registration. Another bill would require parents of college students to establish residency in the state before a student can register to vote, according to the bill.

College kids are "foolish" and tend to vote liberal, said New Hampshire's House speaker and Republican William O'Brien during a speech to a Tea Party group. In an interview with Fox

News earlier this week, O'Brien said the goal of the residency law was to keep students from voting both in their hometowns and again in the New Hampshire districts where they attend school.

"This coupled with a lax definition of residency creates an environment in which people could potentially claim residency in multiple locations," O'Brien said in a press release.

Emily Einsohn, program coordinator of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Participation at UT, said Texas does not have any similar legislation that requires parents to establish residency in Texas before college students can register to vote.

"It is essential for young people to have their voices heard through the voting process as well as through other avenues of civic engagement in order to break the cycle of neglect that so often occurs when young people don't participate as an engaged electorate," Einsohn said.

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RUNOFF ELECTION

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

Two executive alliances will hoist their wooden signs for the last time on the West Mall today after three weeks of vigorous campaigning for the top Student Government spots.

Students can vote in the runoff election until 5 p.m. today at utsg.org.

In last week's general election, the Natalie Butler and Ashley Baker presidential and vice-presidential campaign received 48.6 percent of 8,036 total votes, while the Abel Mulugheta and Sameer Desai executive alliance received 34.7 percent. The two teams earned far more votes than the three others but had to go into a runoff election because neither earned more than 50 percent of the vote.

Business sophomore Pranitha Patil said the Butler and Baker campaign stationed people at the West Mall from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day since the run-



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman public relations major Marisol Canales campaigns for Abel Mulugheta and Sameer Desai during the second to last day of Student Government runoff voting.

off was announced last Thursday and is sticking with the methods they used during the general campaigning period.

"We're doing the same strategies because they worked last week," Patil said. "We're just double-timing our efforts."

Desai said his campaign has wished students a great day and high-fived them, rather than asking them to vote.

"People get sick of 'vote now, vote now' after two, three weeks, so we tried to create innovative ideas," he said.

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Bill attempts to increase affordability of textbooks

By Victoria Pagan
Daily Texan Staff

Bookstore representatives and a UT student testified before the House Higher Education Committee on Wednesday in support of a bill that would make college and university textbooks more affordable.

Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, authored the bill, which would require colleges and universities to directly inform students of textbook-purchasing resources other than the university's bookstore, require professors to use all materials students purchase and require universities to post all booklists early enough for students to explore alternatives.

"There are many, many students who don't understand [the options], particularly first-generation college students," Branch said.

Branch said the bill would also aim to increase the affordability of student textbooks by supporting the use of alternative textbook options, such as used, paperback and online versions of textbooks, as well as ensuring professors use all assigned material.

"Sometimes, you'll go the whole semester and hardly use the book," Branch said.

Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, said he doesn't understand why the bill encourages schools to inform students of alternative book purchasing options specifically, although he does support lowering the cost of higher education in general.

"I see the spirit of the bill," Castro said. "They are not obligated to promote Burger King, Jack in the Box or McDonalds in lieu of their cafeteria — why the distinction of books?"

Stephanie Gibson, a representative of several bookstores, said she hopes the bill will not encourage universities to promote certain retailers over others in the community.

"We want to ensure the most fair, educated business environment in which textbook costs are low, but also we want to address the issue of allowing businesses to thrive, especially in today's economic environment," Gibson said.

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Deacon John De La Garza, a member of the Pastoral Staff at the Univeristy Catholic Center, puts a cross of ashes on a worshipper's forehead on Ash Wednesday. The Univeristy Catholic Center was one of many UT-area churches that offered Ash Wednesday services throughout the day.



Erika Rich
Daily Texan Staff

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Alex Brown died in a car wreck on her way to school in 2009 in Dripping Springs. She was texting four friends while driving. The Brown family now travels around Texas with Alex's truck in tow speaking at high schools and other venues about the dangers of texting while driving.

According to research by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, texting while operating a motor vehicle makes you 23 times more likely to have a wreck. According to a study released by the British Medical Journal, talking on a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle makes you four times more likely to have a wreck — the same as if you were over the legal alcohol limit while driving, said Jeanne Brown, Alex's mother. The part of our brains we use to operate the car is the same we use to text, she said.

"My husband and I would always text and drive, and we would tell our kids, 'Don't you do it, y'all aren't mature enough to handle that,'" Jeanne Brown said. "Alex's wreck didn't have to happen. It was a choice she made to use her cell phone in the car. We want to teach kids that life is more valuable than a text message. I do believe this bill can save lives."

In Texas, minors cannot text while driving, and cell phone use is prohibited in school zones, said Rep. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, who has pitched legislation on texting while driving before.

"I don't think we've gone far enough," he said. "But I do think this bill will make the roads of Texas safer, so I'm 100 percent

behind this effort. We've got to take every step we can to improve the roadways."

Between 2005 and 2010, more than 1,700 drivers caused crashes by texting while driving in Texas, with four fatalities in 2009, according to Texas Department of Transportation reports. Cell phone laws are essential for keeping Texas roadways safe, Menéndez said.

"It's obvious that distracted driving is a problem in Texas," he said. "With so many people on the roads, especially younger drivers, we have to keep people aware of the dangers."

Title 12 of the Austin City Code dictates a citywide ordinance that prevents drivers from using wireless communication devices to view, send or compose an electronic message. Each offense could incur a fine of up to \$500, although first offenders can defer the fine in favor of a defensive driving course, said Jason Dusterhoft, Austin Police Department's commander of highway enforcement.

At least two dozen other Texas cities have bans on texting while driving, including El Paso and San Antonio.

The House bill could prevent accidents by providing concrete legal consequences, said Latin American studies sophomore Mary Catherine Driese.

"I admit to doing it," Driese said. "As much as everyone does it and we know it's not good to do, there aren't any consequences aside from when it's gone too far. We would do it less if there were consequences that came before dying in a car wreck."

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Texas students can choose to register in their hometowns or the places where they attend college, said Texas secretary of state spokesman Randall Dillard.

"As long as you're registered to vote in Texas, you have the right to go to cast your vote," Dillard said.

Public Affairs professor Edwin Dorn said lawmakers often try to prevent their constituents from having a say if their policies conflict with public opinion.

"If you know your policies are not going to appeal to college students, then you will do what you can to keep them from participating in politics [through] voting," Dorn said.

Student Government Executive Director Jimmy Talarico said it is the responsibility of students in New Hampshire to speak out against such bills.

"Students are already disenfranchised by laws that require you to change your voter regis-

tration with the change of your address," government senior Talarico said about voting laws in Texas.

He said many of the issues that are discussed by lawmakers directly affect the future of students. It is vital that students make their voices heard by casting a vote, Talarico said. He was part of an SG initiative called Hook the Vote in 2008 and 2010 that helped UT students register to vote.

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Informing the public on the structure of Israel helps broaden public understanding of the country, said Amy Hendrick, a graduate coordinator in the anthropology department.

"[These events] are important, especially in today's world, when Israel is getting so much bad press, which is fueled by a lack of education," Hendrick said. "People aren't familiar with the history of Israel, its government, its policies. It's a very liberal nation, and people just don't understand."

A hookah lounge, Dudu's Falafel Cafe and a performance by French-Israeli duo ONILI provided entertainment for the estimated 3,000 people who visited the block party. Politics were intentionally absent from official programming, Gottesman said.

"It's an apolitical event. It's

meant as an educational event for students to come and learn about aspects of Israeli life," she said.

The aim of the protesters was not to appear disruptive, but rather to maintain awareness that two sides exist in the issue.

Danish Syed, a math senior and member of the Muslim Students Association, said separating politics from the event was impossible. Members of the Muslim group and the Palestine Solidarity Com-

mittee protest the block party each year. Declaring their support for Palestine, about 30 students lined the steps opposite of the South Mall with banners that accused Texas Hillel of raising money for the Israeli army.

"If this were just a Jewish cultural event, we'd be right there with them celebrating," Syed said. "But the event is political by virtue of it being for Israel."

He emphasized that the aim of the protesters was not to appear disruptive, but rather to maintain awareness that two sides exist in the issue.

"That's why we have a silent protest," said Mohammed Rizvi, an economics junior and member of the Muslim group. "We're not really advocating anything. We're just here to make sure our story gets told. Those voices we can't hear from Palestine — we're just trying to make them heard."

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Please return completed applications, transcripts and all supporting materials to the Director's Office.

Interested applicants are invited to stop by and visit with the Director to discuss student positions.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Connecticut police arrest man as suspect in haircut stabbing

STAMFORD, Conn. — Police say a man was getting a haircut at an apartment in Stamford, Conn., when he grabbed scissors and slashed another man in the back Tuesday. David Davis was arrested soon after. A police mug shot shows Davis with thick hair sticking up from only one side of his head.

Stamford police Sgt. Cory Caserta says Davis was arraigned Wednesday on an assault charge. The 21-year-old man from New Haven was being held on \$5,000 bond.

Authorities say the victim approached Davis during his haircut in what he called “an aggressive manner.” Davis told police he picked up the scissors in self-defense.

The 21-year-old victim was taken to Stamford Hospital to receive treatment for the back wound.

Seven die in farmhouse fire as family's kids caught in blaze

LOYSVILLE, Pa. — The father was making his rounds in his milk truck and the mother was in the barn, milking the cows, when their 3-year-old daughter smelled smoke and ran for help. By the time the parents reached their farmhouse, it was too late: Seven of their eight children were killed in a furious blaze Tuesday night in Pennsylvania’s dairy country.

The victims ranged in age from 7 months to 11 years.

As schoolmates, friends and firefighters mourned, neighbors in the heavily Amish and Mennonite area came to the farm to help out with the chores Wednesday morning, a few arriving by horse and buggy.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation, but the children’s grandfather Noah Sauder said he suspected a propane heater in the kitchen.

—The Associated Press

Libyan citizen describes state’s atrocities

By Ryan Lucas
The Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — Fadlallah Haroun recounted how masked men grabbed him on the street, handcuffed him and threw a sack over his head, then tossed him into a waiting vehicle and sped off. Seven years later, he emerged from Moammar Gadhafi’s prisons without ever being charged.

Haroun’s odyssey took him from the underground cells of the Katiba jail in his hometown of Benghazi to the notorious Abu Selim prison in Tripoli, where Libyan groups outside the country said up to 1,200 prisoners were killed in 1996. Along the way, he said he endured daily beatings, mock executions and psychological terror.

“When I was in prison, I met so many people who suffered the same thing I did just for expressing their opinion,” said Haroun, 45.

Now that eastern Libya has ripped itself free from Gadhafi’s grip, residents finally feel safe to talk about what life was like under the regime. Their stories are stamped with the terror, paranoia and sinking sense of desperation that Gadhafi instilled in his people since taking power in a 1969 coup.

A U.S. State Department report from last year accused Libyan security services of detaining individuals without formal charges and holding them indefinitely without court convictions.

For Haroun, a businessman who imported raw materials from Italy for furniture, it on April 23, 1995, with a phone call. A voice on the line asked him to present himself at the police station. The masked men stopped Haroun as he was getting into his car to drive to the station.



By Nasser Nasser | Associated Press

In this photo taken Tuesday, Libyan businessman Fadlallah Haroun, 45, who spent seven years in Moammar Gadhafi’s prisons without being charged, is seen through a hole in the roof of an underground facility inside the stormed Katiba security base in Benghazi, Libya.

“I was surprised, I didn’t have any problems. I’m a businessman, not a criminal,” Haroun said.

The men told him that he was from “a trouble-making family.”

Haroun was taken to the Katiba, a security base in the suburbs with three underground bunkers where political prisoners were held.

“People who ended up in those just disappeared for good,” Haroun said during a tour of the base, which was stormed by protesters

in a bloody battle during the early days of the uprising last month.

Haroun did not end up there. Instead, he was held in a small corner cell before being transferred to Abu Selim prison.

“It took my family six years to find out where I was,” he said.

Haroun spent most of his time in cells that were cramped and filthy, he said. There was just enough food to survive.

“One of the daily ‘meals’ was a 9

p.m. beating — that was my meal,” he said with a laugh. “Everyday at 9 p.m. That lasted for 45 days.”

Haroun said he was once blindfolded and sentenced to hang. “They had me stand on a stool and placed a noose around my neck,” he said. “And then they kicked the stool out from under me. Somebody caught me as I fell.”

“These courts were psychologically brutal. Some people were mentally out of it for days, others

lost their hair,” he said.

Because he and many other prisoners like him were never charged or convicted, the security services could hold them forever, or free them on a whim.

“Every morning we hoped to be released because we were never sentenced,” he said.

His day came on Dec. 13, 2001.

The Libyan government confirmed his release from prison in 2001.



Photo courtesy of NASA

In this image provided by NASA, the space shuttle Discovery is seen from the International Space Station as the two orbital spacecraft accomplish their relative separation on Monday. Discovery is ending its nearly 27-year flying career.

NASA’s Discovery shuttle ends last mission to space

By Marcia Dunn
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery ended its career as the world’s most flown spaceship Wednesday, returning from orbit for the last time and taking off in a new direction as a museum piece.

NASA’s oldest shuttle swooped through a clear noontime sky to a touchdown at its home base.

“To the ship that has led the way time and time again, we say, ‘Farewell Discovery,’” radioed the Mission Control commentator.

Florida’s spaceport was packed with shuttle program workers, journalists and even some schoolchildren eager to see history in the making.

The six astronauts on board went through their landing checklists with the bittersweet realization no one would ever ride Discovery again. They said during their 13-day space station delivery mission that they expected that to hit them hard when the shuttle came to a stop on the runway.

At three minutes before noon Eastern Time — Discovery landed and ceased being a reusable rocketship.

“For the final time: wheels stop,” Discovery’s commander Steven Lindsey called out as the shuttle rolled to a stop.

Even after shuttles Endeavour and Atlantis make their final voyages in the coming months, Dis-

covery will still hold the all-time record with 39 missions, 148 million miles, 5,830 orbits of Earth, and 365 days spent in space. All that was achieved in under 27 years.

Discovery now leads the way to retirement as NASA winds down the 30-year shuttle program in favor of interplanetary travel.

NASA estimates it will take several months of work — removing the three main engines and draining all hazardous fuels — before Discovery is ready to head to the Smithsonian Institution. It will make the 750-mile journey strapped to the top of a jumbo jet.

Throughout the flight, Lindsey and his crew marveled at how well Discovery was performing. They noted that the spacecraft was going into retirement still “at the top of her game.”

Discovery’s last mission ended up being flawless despite a four-month grounding for fuel tank repairs.

NASA is under presidential direction to spread its wings beyond low-Earth orbit. The goal is to send astronauts to an asteroid and then Mars in the decades ahead. There is not enough money for NASA to achieve that and maintain the shuttle program at the same time. As a result, the shuttles will stop flying this summer after 30 years.

American astronauts will keep hitching rides to the space station on Russian capsules, until private companies are able to provide taxi service to and from orbit.

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OVERVIEW

Say 'no' to abstinence-only

On Tuesday, the Texas Freedom Network helped organize a lobby day to support legislation by Rep. Joaquin Castro, D- San Antonio, which would change sexual education in Texas schools from abstinence-only to a more comprehensive approach. We support the legislation and TFN's efforts because abstinence-only sexual education is not based on science, evidence or education policy. It does not work, and Texas students deserve better.

Abstinence-only education is currently the only form of sexual education legally taught in Texas public schools. The concept is neither nuanced nor thorough; teachers simply instruct students not to have sex. If you don't have sex, you won't get pregnant, contract sexually transmitted diseases or go through any of the emotional issues associated with sexual activity. Duh.

The "don't have sex" approach has taken Texas youths by storm, as more than half of Texas students have had sexual intercourse. Furthermore, Texas has the third highest teen birth rate in the nation and, most alarmingly, 43 percent of Texas students did not use a condom the last time they had sex, according to information compiled by the Texas Legislative Study Group.

What did our esteemed and uber-abstinence-only supporter Gov. Rick Perry say when Evan Smith of The Texas Tribune confronted him with empirical evidence indicating his beloved method is ineffective? "Abstinence works... from my own personal life, abstinence works." There you go. On one hand, you have facts and figures and science and reality, and on the other hand, you have Perry and his utterly unsubstantiated claims.

Unfortunately the latter has been driving Texas education policy for the past decade, leading to abysmal sexual health conditions in the state. There is hope, however, with TFN's lobbying efforts and Castro's legislation. Under the bill, HB 1624, schools will still teach abstinence-only as the most effective method but will also present information about other forms of contraception, such as condoms and the birth control pill.

Castro's legislation is a much-needed, long-overdue change. Texas students need and deserve all the facts about sexual activity in order to decide for themselves whether or not to engage in it.

What is more, the legislation could also provide an impetus for a re-evaluation of if and how sexual education is taught in the state. According to the Legislative Study Group, only 4 percent of schools in Texas even teach about teen pregnancy and STD prevention. Forty-one percent of sexual education materials used in Texas schools contain factual errors and 3.7 million Texas students are not taught basic information about unplanned pregnancies and STDs. So not only are Texas educators forced to teach a flawed method of sexual education, but they are somehow managing to teach it incorrectly. Hopefully Castro's bill will inspire other legislators and education policy makers to reconsider the importance and state of sexual education in Texas.

HB 1624 could not come at a more pressing time. The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a law banning federal funding for Planned Parenthood. While the organization is most widely known for providing abortions, it actually spends much of its efforts and resources educating young people about reproductive health and distributing various forms of birth control. If the organization loses federal funding and is significantly weakened, then the state must step in and fulfill that responsibility. Similarly, with the Texas Legislature bent on restricting women's legal right to abortion, the state must at least effectively educate its youth on the subject.

Lawmakers should listen to TFN's student lobbyists because HB 1624 is necessary, sensible and hopefully moderate enough to succeed. In a legislative session wrought with problems and slim on solutions, the least our lawmakers can do is approve a bill which actually presents a remedy to one of our state's most pressing issues.

— Douglas Luippold for the editorial board

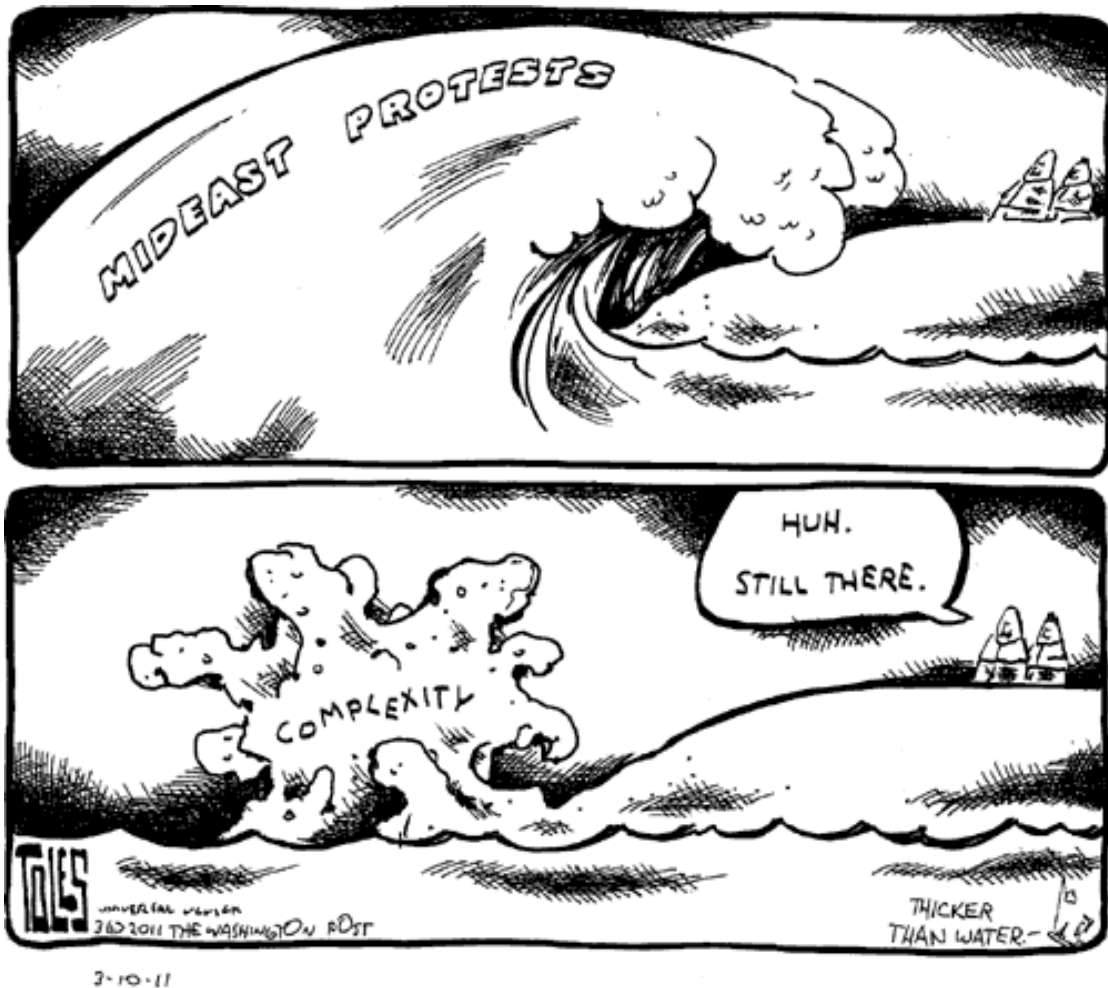
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GALLERY



The self-fulfilling prophecy of college rankings

By Jonathan Rienstra
Daily Texan Columnist

Next week, when UT students are relaxing in the sun or snow, the U.S. News and World Report will release its latest rankings of American graduate schools. For students filling out their law school and business school applications, it can be a tenuous occasion. BusinessWeek already released its business school rankings, and UT's McCombs School of Business fell seven spots from last year to No. 17 overall.

And of course, there is the undergraduate rankings that US News releases each August, just in time for high school seniors to consider where to apply. While UT is just inside the top 50 at No. 45 overall, we still lag behind our supposed peer universities.

Large public schools, including UCLA, University of California-Berkeley, the University of Michigan and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill all ranked at least 15 spots ahead of UT, with Berkeley sitting comfortably at No. 22. In fact, four of the 10 campuses in the University of California system beat us. That's not great if you care about the rankings, and it is hard not to think that at least a few people at the top of the Tower are concerned with the fact that we tied the University of Wisconsin.

I have some serious misgivings about the rankings in general, but my main focus is on SAT scores.

The Standardized Aptitude Test, SAT,

weighs as 7.5 percent in U.S. News' methodology, but it shouldn't. Perhaps it should not even count at all. Critics have accused the SAT of cultural bias in the past, and one study by Massachusetts Institute of Technology Writing Director Les Perelman found a high correlation between the length of essays and high scores in the writing section.

In fact, the University of California system opted in 2005 to drop the SAT as an application requirement. According to Berkeley's 2009 admissions' data, the 75th-percentile score for the reading/math portion of the SAT was a 1460. UT's 75th-percentile score for 2009 was 1350. Now, I'm not doubting that Berkeley is a harder school to get into, (UT has a 45-percent acceptance rate compared to Berkeley's 21 percent), but by making SAT scores optional, the scores that would bring that average down are less likely to be submitted to the school.

But, as a university, we also score lower than UNC and Michigan, which have 75th-percentile scores of 1390 and 1430, respectively. Which, brings us to the pesky Top 10 Percent rule. The issue has been somewhat remedied by the 75-percent cap passed back in May 2009, but by relying on the top 10 percent, our SAT average has historically been lower.

In addition, an SAT score provides no basis for the legitimacy of a institution of higher learning. Consider a highly rated high school football recruit. He may be considered a top pick-up and will boost a school's recruiting class, but there is no guarantee that the

player will ever produce at the next level. A five-star ranking might be a solid indicator of his potential, but it requires a strong football program and coaches to reach that potential, much in the same way that it requires a school to tap into a highly-rated student's capabilities.

In a recent UCLA study titled "The American Freshman: National Norms Fall 2010," 201,818 students at American universities gave their choices for selecting the college that they attend. While only 16.7 percent said that national magazine rankings were the most important reason, 62 percent stated "very good academic reputation" as their first choice. You say "tomato," I say "tomahto."

The bill regarding the current Top 10 Percent rule applies through 2015, when current 8th graders will be heading to college. We cannot ignore our current ranking — as much as I wish we could — because future students will use it to guide their decisions.

It's a self-fulfilling prophecy. Schools are ranked highly in part because of their SAT scores, which in turn causes students to want to apply to said highly ranked school. UT is left behind in the rankings because we are hamstrung by state laws, and the University has to decide whether it is worth taking students they "owe" it to or if they want to up their SAT averages and improve the University's ranking.

Rienstra is a journalism junior.

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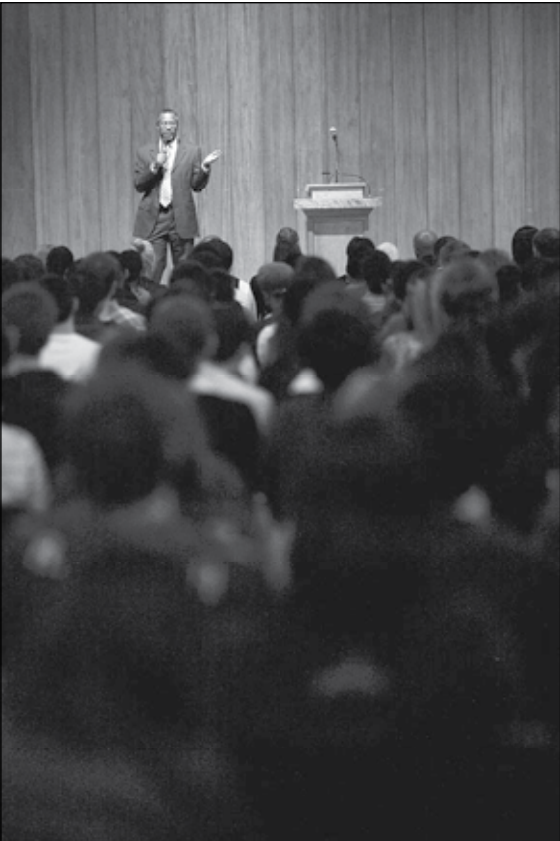


Neurosurgeon's life story inspires students

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

Benjamin Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery at John's Hopkins, said he rose out of poverty and became a renowned neurosurgeon

Dr. Benjamin Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery at John's Hopkins, speaks in the Union ballroom about the path he took to realize his potential. Carson discussed what it was like growing up poor in Detroit and how God played a pertinent roll in his life.



Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

through faith in God and himself. Natural Sciences Career Services and Health Professions Advising sponsored Carson's lecture Wednesday, which 750 people attended. The Dr. Joe Thorne Gilbert Centennial Lectureship in Health Professions

funded the talk.

Carson's background could inspire all students, not just those interested in health professions, said Ray Easterlin, the director of Natural Sciences Career Services.

"He's an example of someone who did not have advantages at an early age but worked hard and had family support," Easterlin said.

Carson said he lived in a poor tenement in Detroit during his youth, in an area threatened by gangs. He was called "dummy" by his elementary school classmates, but his academic performance changed when his illiterate mother began making him turn in two book reports a week. He recalled how he felt when he knew an answer in class because of a book he had read about rocks.

"It was such an exhilarating feeling to know things that no one else knew, especially from people who had been calling me names," he said.

Carson said he did very poorly on his first set of comprehensive exams as a medical school student and was advised to drop out. He improved after taking courses that relied more on reading than lecture material.

"You have to learn how you learn, because everyone learns differently," he said.

Carson led the first medical team

to successfully separate twins conjoined at the head in 1987. He said he gives deep consideration to all elements of risky surgeries, especially when he is breaking new medical ground.

"Never go off half-cocked," he said. "Make sure you study what everyone else has done, even if it wasn't successful."

Carson said his faith informed his daily practice.

"I always pray, ask God for wisdom whenever I enter the operating room," he said. "When it comes to the brain and spinal cord, there's nothing that's simple."

Carson said the U.S. needs to improve early math and science education to succeed in the technological age. He also said his life is proof that anyone can succeed.

"As a fifth grader, I was a terrible student, and as a seventh grader, I was a terrific student," he said. "What does that tell you about human potential?"

Microbiology senior Simone White said Carson inspires her because she also came from a low socioeconomic background and single-parent household and wants to be a doctor.

"To see the metamorphosis of someone who was called 'dummy' to one of the most brilliant people on Earth is amazing," White said.

Magazine editor discusses future of Texas Democrats

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

Talent is lacking in Texas' Democratic Party, and it is up to the future generation to change it, a political writer told a group of about 50 students at a University Democrats meeting Wednesday.

Paul Burka, senior executive editor of Texas Monthly, writes a political blog and has worked for the magazine since 1975. He also served as an attorney in the Texas Legislature for five years and holds a degree from UT's School of Law.



Paul Burka
Texas Monthly Editor

UDems President Billy Calve said Burka speaking to the organization is a great opportunity to get a different perspective on Texas politics.

"Paul Burka is an institution in Texas politics," Calve said. "We really hope our members will build on their understanding by hearing from him."

It's over for Anglos, Burka said. He said the future of Texas is up to the Hispanic majority because there has not been a significant time when Hispanics have voted in large numbers. If all Texans voted, the state would prove to have a much stronger Democratic voice, he said.

"If you plan to spend your life in Texas, you will live in a blue state," Burka said.

However, Burka that the increase in affluence in South Texas threatens

Democrats because increased wealth, combined with a cultural sense of family values and patriotism, could lead more Hispanics living in the Valley to vote for Republicans.

The Democratic Party hardly exists in Texas, he said. He

said the party's infrastructure is not strong because it has not been able to reach out to the Hispanic population.

"The talent level you have to replace is not very high," Burka said.

Burka said Gov. Rick Perry is an unsympathetic politician who is not interested in the Legislature but is a political pro who knows what to do and always has a plan.

"There's nobody better at running a campaign and nobody worse at running the state," Burka said.

Burka said charisma is what makes a very strong candidate. He said the next generation of lawmakers need to be better at it.

"The ball is there, and somebody has to go pick it up," Burka said.

Government sophomore Huey Fischer said he appreciated Burka's insight on Texas politics because he came from a nonpartisan perspective. He said UDems members gained new insight into how to move forward for the 2012 elections.

"We do need to start recruiting tougher candidates, better candidates, charismatic candidates," Fischer said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

NPR's Ex-CEO to join symposium discussing online journalism

A former NPR CEO and general manager of *NYTimes.com* has still agreed to speak at a symposium on online journalism at UT in April.

Vivian Schiller, who stepped down from her top post at the radio outlet Wednesday, will talk about her vision as an online journalist with NPR and *NYTimes.com*, said journalism professor Rosental Alves, who organizes the symposium each year. This morning he called and told Schiller that he would still be happy to have her speak at UT's Communication School, regardless of her resignation

from NPR, he said.

"She will be a superb, outstanding keynote speaker for us," he said. "I was very sad to learn that she was leaving NPR, but I was very happy that I could convince her to still come for the symposium."

Schiller will be the first in a series of keynote speakers and will be followed by the vice president and managing editor of CNN.com, Meredith Artley. NPR struggled to transition to the digital age, but through requirements such as multimedia training for all NPR journalists, Schiller shifted the network forward, Alves said.

"The most important work that she has done was moving NPR into the digital age," he said. "That experience alone would be very

relevant for us who are concerned with the future of journalism in this country."

— Allie Kolechta

Ransom Center to process works of cyberpunk-pioneering writer

The Harry Ransom Center began processing a renowned science fiction novelist's archive last month.

Bruce Sterling, one of the founders of the cyberpunk movement — a science fiction genre focused on technology in a dystopian setting — gave part of his paper archive of books and manuscripts to Center.

Richard Oram, associate director at the center, said the archive includes manuscripts of "The Differ-

ence Engine," which Sterling coauthored with William Gibson, another founder of the movement and a complete collection of Sterling's "Cheap Truth" newsletter, which he printed in Austin in the 1980s.

"Bruce created ['Cheap Truth'] before the word cyberpunk had even been developed," Oram said. "He sort of initiated the cyberpunk movement, which started in Austin."

Oram said there were lots of people writing and reading Sterling's anthology, "Mirror Shades."

"I think there aren't a huge number of literary movements of national importance and this is one that came out of Austin," Oram said. "Bruce was behind a lot of these things."

— Yvonne Marquez

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TEXAS PREVAILS

Longhorns hold on for close win over Texas State

By Chris Hummer

Playing in front of one of the loudest crowds of the year, the 12th-ranked Longhorns were able to squeeze out one run victory in a game that was dominated by the pitchers.

This is the second-straight game that the team has played with a final score of 2-1; the difference being that Texas was able to come out on top in this contest.

"I love that it was tight. We had a tight game with LSU last Sunday, and we didn't get the outcome," said head coach Connie Clark. "You need a big atmosphere, and we had it again tonight. The crowd was great. We had some big moments when our back was against the wall, and I thought we managed the moments."

Texas started out quickly taking advantage of its speed on the base paths, scoring a run early in the first, when sophomore Taylor Hoagland reached base with a bunt hit and quickly stole second. She advanced to third on an interference ruling, in a rundown situation, and then sped

home when junior Nadia Taylor grounded into a fielder's choice.

The next inning and a half went quietly with neither team managing a hit, but in the third, Texas was once again able to take advantage of its speed and generate a run. Freshman Brejae Washington led off the inning and was able to jump on a pitch driving a double into left. On the next pitch, she broke for third and easily stole the base, but the third baseman was not able to pick the throw, and Washington was able to score.

"Coach Clark had given me a steal sign on the first pitch, so my objective was to steal third, and they tell me I'm fast enough on a pass ball like that to just get up and continue on to the next base," Washington said.

Washington's run proved crucial in the game, as it went down as the winning run. Texas State was able to threaten a few times later in the game but only managed

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Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Rachel Fox pitches against Texas State on Wednesday. Fox pitched a complete game and only surrendered five hits.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEXAS 50, No. 8 TEXAS A&M 77

Horns fall to Texas A&M in conference quarterfinals

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

In what was their last chance to prove their worth to the NCAA selection committee, the Longhorns couldn't make it past the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Championships, as they fell to a well-rested Aggie squad 77 to 50 Wednesday night.

"The body of work has been done," said assistant coach LaKale Malone. "Do we wish we could go back and change a little? Yes, but we have fought and fought this season."

After a convincing first-round romp over Missouri just the night before, fatigue proved to be Texas' (19-13, 7-9 Big 12) downfall in

the loss.

Defending tournament champions, Texas A&M had an answer for everything Texas tried Wednesday night. What a difference 24 hours can make, as the Longhorns looked like a completely different team against the Aggies.

“Do we wish we could go back and change a little? Yes, but we have fought and fought this season.”

—LaKale Malone, Assistant coach

For Texas, a number of factors stacked up against their desire to make it deep into the tournament. Held to their lowest point total of the season, the Longhorns committed 31 turnovers, just one away from the tournament record of 32. Five offensive calls because of charge-also hurt Texas, as offensive opportunities slipped from their fingers.

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Longhorn freshman Anne Marie Hartung attempts to score against Karla Gilbert of Texas A&M. Texas' Chassidy Fussell watches from beyond the arc.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Twelve things to look for when watching the Big 12 Tournament



By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Columnist

The madness has begun. Bubbles have been burst (see Nebraska, Baylor) and others remain floating (see Colorado). But so much basketball remains to be played. Here is what to keep an eye open for when watching the Big 12 tournament.

I Rick Barnes' calmness: Baylor's Scott Drew will be dancing along the sideline. So will Nebraska's Doc Sadler and Kansas State's Frank Martin. But Barnes will remain calmly in his seat. He usually doesn't get too excited or riled up, but when he does, you know something's up.

II Can a team from Oklahoma pull off a miracle?: The Cowboys and Sooners both advanced to the quarterfinals via upset, but have tough challenges ahead if they want to bust some brackets.

III Tristan Thompson's smile: He loves to block. He loves to dunk. And after every time he does, it is usually followed up with a smile as big as Canada.

IV Frank Martin's suit: The Kansas State head coach looks like he wears a suit that is three sizes too big. The combination of the pinstripes and his slicked back hair make him look like he's straight out of a mobster movie.

V "Rock Chalk Jayhawk" chant: It's going to echo throughout Kansas City's Sprint Center just like it does at Phog Allen Fieldhouse. Whether it gives you chills or makes you want to vomit, it's likely going to happen multiple times throughout the week and possibly quite early.

VI The Oklahoma Sooners: Oklahoma is dangerous. The Sooners absolutely have to win to keep alive any hopes of playing in the NCAA Tournament. Tonight they will be looking to eliminate Texas from the Big 12 Tournament.



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(Kansas City, Missouri)
On Air: Big 12 Network

VII Jordan Hamilton's jumper: When Hamilton is on, things are much easier for the Longhorns. If he starts off with a couple of misses, he has to keep shooting.

VIII Texas A&M's low scoring games: The Aggies struggle to score. Their top scorer, Khris Middleton, can be shut down. Other than Middleton, the Aggies don't really have a scorer. They do, however, play solid defense to make up for a lack of offense. Watch for who controls tonight's game against a fast-paced, high-scoring Missouri team.

IX Kansas' Brady Morningstar and Tyrel Reed: The Morris twins may be the best players on Kansas, but seniors Morningstar and Reed are the pesky ones who create for Marcus and Markieff Morris and also end up with wide open 3-pointers when the big guys get double teamed. They are a big key to Kansas' success.

X Missed free throws: The four teams with first round byes are the four worst free-throw shooting teams in the conference. The two teams that shoot best from the free-throw line should advance to the finals.

XI A Kansas-Texas rematch: This is the matchup that most college basketball fans want to see. Texas took the only regular season meeting in snapping the Jayhawks' 69-game win streak. A win for Kansas would be sweet revenge. It would also clinch a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

XII Your favorite Daily Texan writers: Will Anderson and I will be looking good as always in Kansas City. Keep your eyes open for us as well as our coverage of the Big 12 and NCAA Tournaments throughout spring break at dailytexanonline.com.

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8	Florida State 10-1
9	Arizona State 9-2
10	Clemson 7-2

SPORTS BRIEFLY

NCAA suspends Baylor forward Perry Jones III before team's loss

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Baylor freshman Perry Jones was declared ineligible by the NCAA on Wednesday after an investigation into whether Jones or his family received preferential treatment or improper benefits from an Amateur Athletic Union coach before enrolling in college.

The NCAA's decision came only hours before the Bears lost 84-67 to Oklahoma in the first round of the Big 12 Conference tournament. Baylor played without the 6-foot-11 Jones, a starter and one of the nation's top freshmen, averaging 13.9 points and 7.2 rebounds.

Baylor immediately appealed to have Jones' eligibility reinstated. "We are profoundly disappointed in the timing and determination in this matter," said Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw in a release from the school before the game. "This outcome appears to be inconsistent with other recent, widely discussed NCAA decisions."

—The Associated Press

NCAA BASKETBALL

Nebraska plays last game in Big 12

Cornhuskers lose in opening round of tournament to Oklahoma State

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

For the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the end came too early.

Wednesday's 53-52 loss to Oklahoma State in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament effectively sealed the Cornhuskers' fate, jettisoning them from an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and ending their history in the Big 12.

"The NCAA option is out," Nebraska head coach Doc Sadler told reporters after the loss. "That's not an option, unless somebody's really looking out for us."

After senior point guard Lance Jeter slipped and fell on Nebraska's final possession with the Huskers down by one, the emotion set in.

"It's sad because I wanted to do it for [the seniors] because I know how hard they worked and how hard the coaching staff works," Jeter said. "You just want to be the hero, and unfortunately, that wasn't the case at that time."

With his team behind, Jeter slithered through traffic and tried to pull up for a jump shot in the paint, but he crumbled to the hardwood and the buzzer sounded.

"Pretty much got tripped," Jeter said. "No call, which it shouldn't be, especially in the last second. You gotta make a play, and I didn't do that."

The lasting memory of Nebraska's time in the conference may be Jeter's fall, but the Cornhuskers may have avoided the inevitable as they would have faced top-seeded Kansas in the second round.

Instead, that honor lies with Oklahoma State.

"Very proud of our basketball team," OSU head coach Travis Ford said after the game. "It's always great to win, but it's great to win when your whole team contributes, your whole team does something positive."

The Cowboys relied on a balanced attack and a couple of timely 3-pointers by junior guard Keiton Page to escape with the win. It was the Pokes' third conference game decided by one point, and Oklahoma State didn't give up down the stretch once again.

"Out of 16 conference games, I think six or seven came down to the last possession," Ford explained. "I said, 'We've been here before, but don't hang your head.' I don't know if they



Nebraska's Brandon Richardson attempts to steal the ball from Oklahoma State's Keiton Paige in the second half of Wednesday's Big 12 tournament game.

were hanging their head because they were tired, which they were, or they were hanging their head because we played so well and then we're down four."

While the Cowboys led for much of the game, Nebraska stormed back in the second half to take the lead.

After a layup by Nebraska's Caleb Walker extended the Cornhusker lead to four with six minutes to play, Ford called a time out. Inside the Cowboys' huddle, the coach lit a fire under his squad.

"We told them, 'Get your head up. Let's come out of this time out fighting; let's come out of this time out and let's get a stop every

single time,'" Ford said.

The Cowboys didn't disappoint as Page sank back-to-back 3-pointers, and Nebraska went cold from the field, giving OSU a two-point advantage with 2:29 left to play.

But the Huskers failed to rally in the final minutes, and Jeter's last-ditch effort came up devastatingly short, sending Nebraska fans to the exits at the Sprint Center.

The Cornhuskers were the first team ousted from the Big 12 tournament but will take their talents to the Big Ten next season as conferences realign.

Perhaps then Nebraska can avoid the slip-ups that plagued its final season in the Big 12.

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"You've got to take care of the basketball," Malone said. "We got outrebounded, and both need to be taken care of, not one or the other. We gave up way too many turnovers tonight."

Normal assets were silenced early, as A&M had Texas' number. Texas faltered in both of their regular season contests against Texas A&M. But last night's win was by far the most convincing of the three.

Freshman Chassidy Fussell was held to a season-low three points. The last time the guard scored that low was against Iowa State in mid-February — she scored only two points.

Texas A&M shutdown Fussell early on, as she missed her first eight shots from the floor and ultimately went 0-4 from the 3-point line.

Junior Yvonne Anderson also had a lackluster night, making just two of her six shot attempts in her 26 minutes of play.

For Texas, the game began and ended on a similar note. A lack of confidence labeled Texas' play, and

the Longhorns were never able to shake it off. Feeding off their apprehension, the Aggies' desire to win shined as they beat Texas with their defense and converted it to easy points. The Longhorns never got ahead, turning the ball over four times in the first five minutes of play and allowing for the Aggies to jump out to a 12-2 lead.

Only two players shot in the double digits for the Longhorns, with freshman Chelsea Bass leading the squad with 11 points. Kat Nash trailed right behind with 10. Texas shot a measly 16 for 50, compared to Texas A&M's 32 of 59 shot attempts.

Danielle Adams led Texas A&M with 23 points, contributing to the Aggies' 54-percent shooting average.

"We might be down today, but we aren't out," LaKale said.

With their Big 12 tournament hopes dashed, all the Longhorns can do now is wait for selection Monday and hope that their overall body of work outshines Wednesday night's impression.

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to push across one run, and left seven runners on base. Including in the fourth inning when they had the bases loaded with one out, but were shut down by freshman Rachel Fox, who forced a harmless pop fly and struck out the next batter to end the threat.

Fox's ability to handle pressure was evident in the game, as she worked through multiple instances when Texas State was threatening with runners in scoring position, but was not able to take advantage of the opportunities.

"I love pressure situations. I think

having the pressure situations that we do is great for us to grow as a team, and for [Amy] Hooks and I to grow as a battery," Fox said.

Fox finished the game with her seventh complete game of the year and improved her record to 7-1 and is only going to keep getting better as she continues to see pressure situations like these.

"I loved it, especially as a freshman. The more that we can throw her under pressure like that and stay with her, the better. Obviously, her back was against the wall, and she came up big for us," Clark said.



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BOOK REVIEW

Novel explores human isolation, sanity

By Katie Stroh
Daily Texan Staff

The 48-year-old Maxwell Sim both craves and avoids human connection. He's recently separated from his wife, has spent six months on leave from his position at a department store for depression and has never managed to bond with his distant father. Despite the fact that he has 74 Facebook friends and a cell phone full of phone numbers, Max rarely makes real contact with anybody. For all his good-natured bumbling attempts at meaningful human relationships, there seems to be no end to the ways Max can mess things up.

Jonathan Coe's latest novel, "The Terrible Privacy of Maxwell Sim," follows the titular character as he attempts to shake off his depression and re-engage with an increasingly impersonal world. Max rashly decides to quit his steady department store job to travel to a remote Scottish village as a part of a misguided publicity stunt for a company that sells environmentally friendly toothbrushes.

Rather than solely focusing on his mission, Max unconsciously turns the journey into an ex-

ploration of his own alienation, stopping to visit various figures from his past who live along the way. Max embarks on an inadvertent journey of self-discovery and discovers that he doesn't much like anything about himself or the alienating modern world that facilitates his "terrible privacy."

Max also starts relating a little too deeply to doomed seaman

lels Crowhurst's, and soon Max begins to believe that he himself is Crowhurst as his sanity crumbles.

Coe takes a risk with "Maxwell Sim" by telling a story about a spectacularly dull human being. Max is uneducated, uncultured and largely uninterested in the world at large. He prefers the comforting, robotic voice of the

him as an unexpectedly compelling narrator. Coe's voice, spoken through Max's perspective, effuses the novel with an easy, understated and satirical sense of humor that is a joy to read: "Did you like how, when I was describing the sexy bits, I started every sentence with 'I forget?'" That's good writing, that is."

"Maxwell Sim" is also interspersed with many little micro-stories: a section of Max's father's memoir, a university essay written by Max's schoolboy crush, a short story Max's ex-wife bases directly on one of their relationship's most humiliating moments. These little narrative scraps give the novel depth and interest, keeping Max's voice from becoming tiresome and fleshing out his backstory through the eyes of his friends and family.

As implausible and bizarre as Max's story eventually becomes, Coe keeps things mostly grounded with his excellent, naturalistic dialogue and utterly believable characters. "The Terrible Privacy of Maxwell Sim" is an excellent and entertaining take on how our countless methods of modern communication are making it harder to truly connect.

The Terrible Privacy of Maxwell Sim

Jonathan Coe

Genre: Satirical Fiction

Pages: 314

For those who like:

Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" series, Joseph Heller's "Catch-22"

Grade: A-



Donald Crowhurst, who attempts a global sailing race before quickly realizing his voyage is going to be fruitless. Crowhurst then decides to live isolated on the open seas for months in an attempt to hoax his way out of an embarrassing defeat, eventually going slowly insane. Max's story paral-

l satellite navigation system to the company of most women and will always choose the mediocre familiarity of a chain restaurant over a neighborhood place.

Despite the fact that the entire novel is written from Max's pathetic, uninspiring point of view, Coe succeeds in presenting

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rade will mark the beginning of the fundraising event in support of children with cancer, Kessler said.

Festivities will make an early start at 9 a.m. on Saturday with color guards, members of ESPADA and Irish dancers making their way through downtown. Mayor Lee Lef-fingwell will serve as the grand marshal and performances will highlight musicians that include Joe Moody, an Americana rock group, and U2 tribute artists Mysterious Ways.

One float will feature survivors of childhood cancer, their families and those who have shaved their heads in support.

Throughout the day, volunteers, including Fadó employees and members of Austin's public safety

department, will go bald as part of their efforts to raise money for the organization.

"One hundred and sixty kids are diagnosed [with cancer] each year; one in five don't make it," said Fadó event manager Kim Rector. "You can't imagine how many families come out to support this. By the end of the day, you can't tell who is actually a cancer patient or cancer survivor because everybody has had their heads shaved."

Rector will also be shaving her head for Saturday.

Even those who choose to keep their locks can show their support by enjoying the live music, traditional Irish dancing and, of course, Guinness.



Andrew Edmonson | Daily Texan Staff

Holly Mccastalin pours a pint of Guinness at Fado on Fifth Street. The Irish pub will be participating in a St. Patrick's Day parade.

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ly, the top five beers sold in Texas belong to the Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors corporations, and the funds from all those sales then go to paying those distributors, as well as providing sales tax revenue for the state.

"You have to be careful," cautioned David Jabour, president of Twin Liquors. "There's a distribution process that's important for tax collection."

But three House bills may change this system — that is, if they don't get ignored and die while waiting in committee. If passed, the bills could possibly allow you to grab a bottle of beer to take home after a brewery tour or even buy a bottle of the brewpub's own house beer from your local store. Effectively, this would cut into the profits of distributors and large beer companies.

To top off that tall pint, on Tuesday, Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, proposed a bill that would lift the ban on Sunday liquor sale — an outdated, religious blue law, he says.

Jabour disagrees with the idea that this would help generate tax revenue though, citing the Senate bill as ultimately having a neutral effect because of the added cost of wages of employees working on Sunday. Nevertheless, that could still mean an added sales tax revenue for the state, albeit with less revenue for the retailers.

Despite all these various bills with similar goals of putting Texas back in the black, much of the media's attention, ranging from the Houston Chronicle all the way up the coast to The New York Times, has focused specifically on the bill allowing brewpubs to distribute bottles after a tour.

Supported by the vocal grassroots organization Texas Beer Freedom and Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, this legislation would allow brewpubs to distribute their own personally brewed beer.

But the much larger debate is about who ultimately sells you your liquor. Take for instance, the brewery tour bill, which only partially allows for a brewery to directly sell you a bottle. Only after you have taken the tour could they

give you a bottle. On the other hand, a House bill proposed on Monday just cuts to the chase. Instead of giving a tour to educate people and then letting them try their beer after talking about it for so long, you could simply buy your booze there.

This isn't something new; most craft beer-friendly states such as Colorado and California have similar laws, which allow the distillery to see more profits. For example, you could walk into the Stone Brewery Co. and buy yourself a massive growler — basically a large, refillable jug — full of their I.P.A. to take home with you.

But walking out of a brewery with a sealed bottle or buying a brewpubs bottle at the store is not possible in Texas with our current laws.

According to a Texas Watchdog article in March 2009 regarding a similar bill to the brewpub bill that was later struck down, the current system only serves to fill the pockets of the middlemen who distribute alcohol.

Clearly, this isn't a new issue, and the Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas have continually declined to comment. A rare opposing comment was reported though in the same Tribune article by another group called the Beer Alliance of Texas, which lobbies for larger beer corporations.

"This regulatory system has worked well since Prohibition," said Rick Donley, president of Beer Alliance of Texas. "Why anybody wants to disrupt it is a question I can never quite get an answer to."

Donley also added that he worried that these newer legislations could lead to the accidental distribution of alcohol to minors or dry counties. Although it's not clear how, the argument seems more like an excuse to simply keep the status quo for status quo's sake.

Regardless of distributors' firm opposition, Texas Beer Freedom and other proponents of similar bills have been continuing their efforts to pass these bills.

For more information or to voice your opinion, you can visit house.state.tx.us to find out and get in contact with your local state representative.

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Gorilla Manor.

Since then, the young band has played at Bonnaroo, been featured in magazines such as Rolling Stone, Paste and Filter, and even collaborated with a chamber orchestra for a Walt Disney Concert Hall show.

The Daily Texan spoke with vocalist and keyboardist Kelcey Ayers last week about the band's recent performance on NPR's Tiny Desk, inspiration behind Gorilla Manor and their break from SXSW.

The Daily Texan: Okay, well first off, can you tell me what was the band's approach to Gorilla Manor?

Kelcey Ayers: I think it's the in nature it's suppose to be with new albums, like just a collection of songs we've worked really hard on for like a bunch of years and those were the best ones. We felt really good about

the cohesive direction. We just wanted to make an album. I don't think there was really a direction. It just ended up being what it was.

DT: So what were some of the inspirations for Gorilla Manor?

KA: I guess I can speak for the songs I've had more of a hand in. Everyone writes for the record and we all collaborate together, but one person usually steer heads the beginning of each song. Like I began Airplanes and Cubism Dreams and World News. And Airplanes, I actually remember sitting at the piano at that first house in Orange County and thinking about my grandfather. So I kind of wrote these lyrics to these chord progressions I had on the spot. But as far as inspiration, everyone is so in love with music that it just kind of comes.

DT: You guys are playing the week-

end before SXSW at Stubbs, but will Local Natives make an appearance at the festival this year?

KA: No, we wanted to take a break from it. The only reason we're coming out there in the first place is for the 35 Conferette in Denton, a four-day music conference. Yeah, we're trying to take a break from South By. We played two years in a row, so many shows. We're trying to see if we can get off the grid a little bit this year to write our album, but all these things keep happening. But they're good problems.

DT: Okay. Last question. I want to know what's currently on repeat on your playlist.

KA: We just got the new Radiohead, so we're blasting that constantly.

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Zoroastrian Persian-Indian family.

From these experiences, Godiwalla wrote two stories based on her father and another on her time spent as an investment banker. After two of her professors encouraged her to expand the stories, she weaved them together for her thesis, providing the backbone for "Suits."

After Dartmouth, Godiwalla received her MBA at UPenn's Wharton School and worked in brand management. However, feeling restless with her career, she began working on "Suits" again. As she delved deeper in the book, she would talk to her family about the book and talk about some

moments included. It provided a catharsis for all of them.

"We would discuss the book, and I would have new revelations as in 'Wow, I didn't think about it from that angle,'" said one of her sisters, who wished to remain anonymous. "We definitely got insights into our upbringing. She didn't tell half of what was going on [at Morgan Stanley] because she didn't have the time."

In the last few years, Godiwalla has moved back to Austin. Along with writing, she has founded MindWorks, a stress management consulting firm. She hopes MindWorks will provide a new perspective on the high-blood pressure environment of

offices like the ones she began to work at as a freshman in college. Although "Suits" is a personal book about Godiwalla and her search for identity, she hopes the book will have a positive effect on readers.

"I want people to know what it's like to go into the culture," Godiwalla said. "I didn't have anything to read that was realistic. I don't think people shouldn't go into investment banking, but they should have a better sense of navigating the field. On another point, I hope people that are in the majority can get what it feels like to be a part of the minority. Sometimes you need to see through someone else's perspective."

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By DAVID OUELLET

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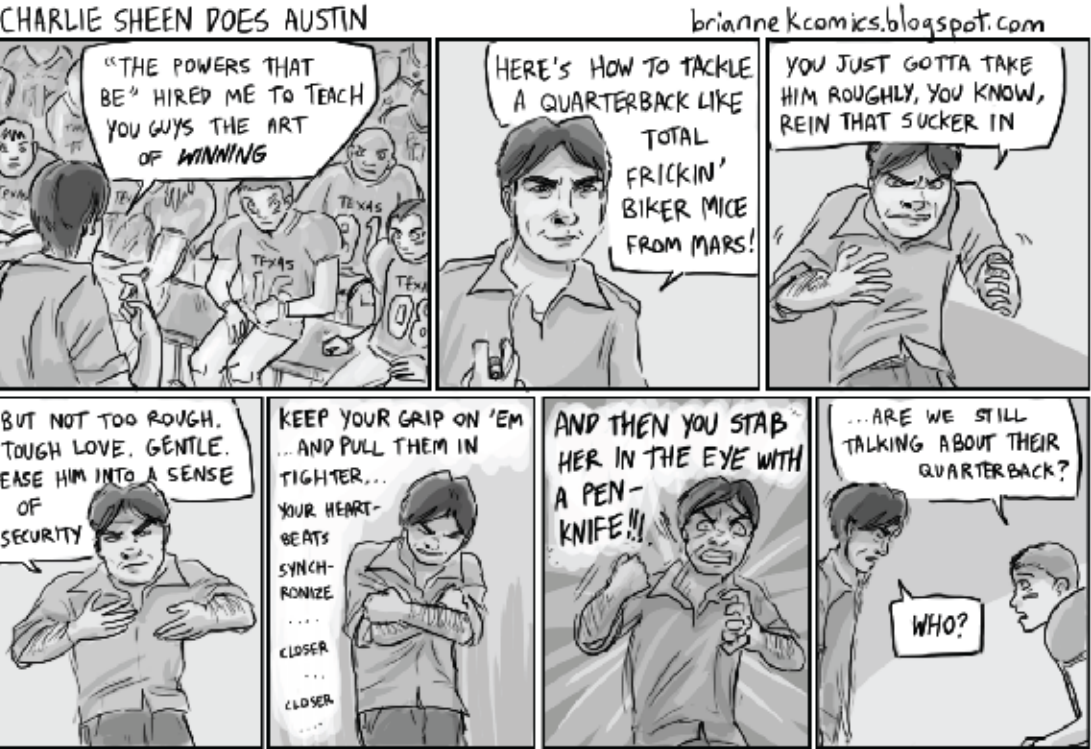
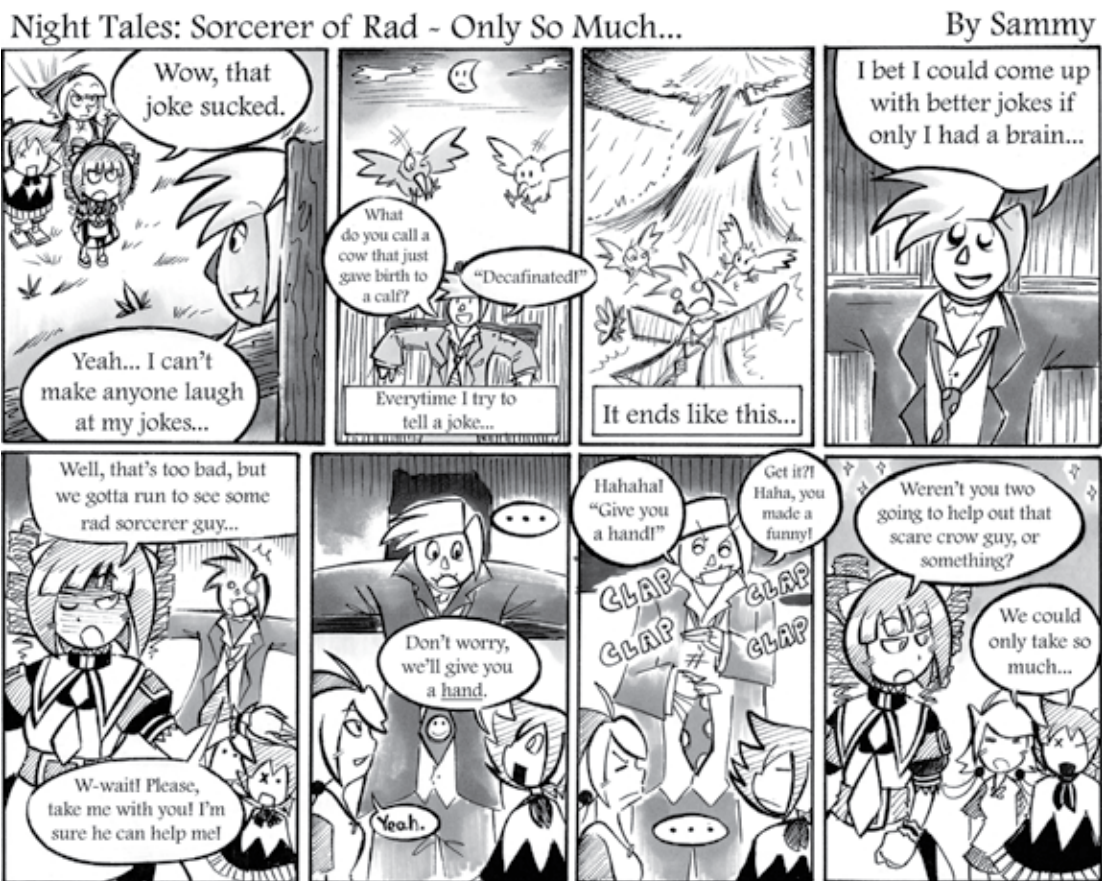
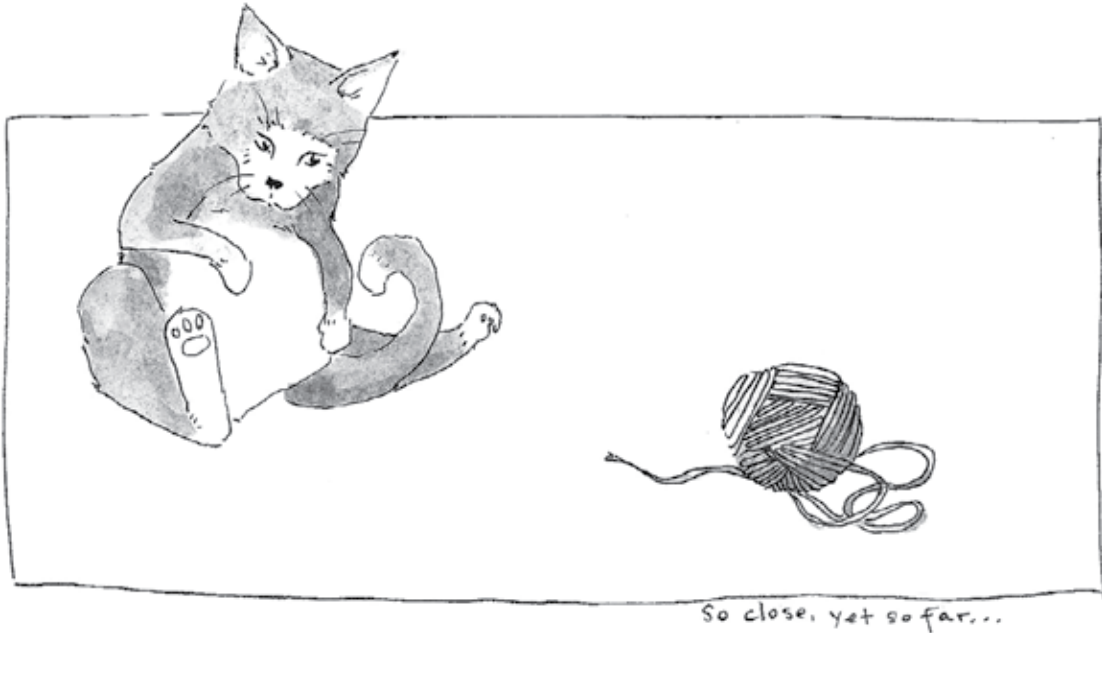


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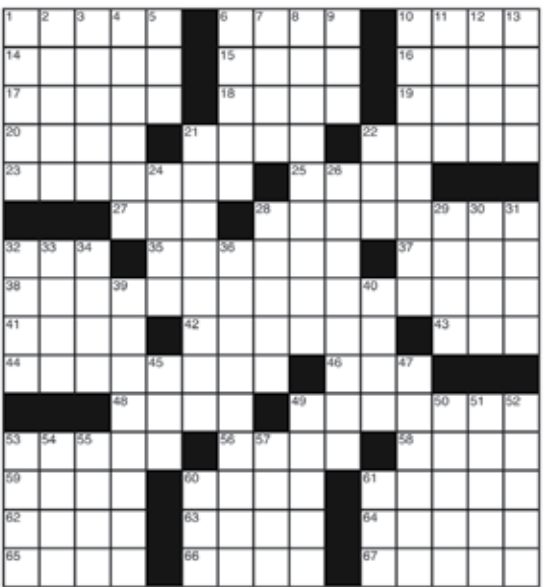
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 - 10 Longest river entirely in Switzerland
 - 14 Deuce follower
 - 15 ...
 - 16 Summer cooler
 - 17 ...
 - 18 Held up
 - 19 Slaughterer who dashed home to win the 1946 World Series
 - 20 Kind of cheese
 - 21 Food orders sometimes prepared in toaster ovens
 - 22 Excellence as a virtue, to ancient Greeks
 - 23 Advice for solving this puzzle, part 1
 - 25 Kaput
 - 27 "Just Say I Love" (hit of 1950)
 - 28 Fouls
 - 32 There is a "super" one every four yrs.
 - 35 Business TV newsmen Ron
 - 37 Roll's partner
 - 38 Advice, part 2
 - 41 ...
 - 42 Set right
 - 43 Broadcast
 - 44 1980s hairstyle with a long strand in the back
 - 46 Baseball's Cobb and others
 - 48 Goes for the bronze?
 - 49 End of the advice
 - 53 ...
 - 56 Go quickly
 - 58 Earl of ... (Sir Anthony Eden)
 - 59 ...
 - 60 Scraps
 - 61 Failed spectacularly
 - 62 ...
 - 63 Fancy
 - 64 "#@&%!", e.g.
 - 65 ...
 - 66 Dispatch
 - 67 Perfume ingredient

- Down
- 1 Official traditionally seen in a black hat
 - 2 First name in W.W. II infamy
 - 3 Service site for some veterans
 - 4 Harem guard, typically
 - 5 Marie or Jeanne: Abbr.
 - 6 Minnesota lake
 - 7 One (baseball variant)
 - 8 Dish-washing aid
 - 9 Call ... or call on
 - 10 ...
 - 11 Crack
 - 12 Source
 - 13 In addition
 - 21 Like the poem "Tam o' Shanter"
 - 22 Org. for Joe Namath
 - 24 Hawaiian handouts
 - 26 Exhibitionist
 - 28 C.F.O.'s concern
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Puzzle by Matt Ginsberg

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33 "Choice" agcy.

34 Discharge

36 Left-handed

39 "A pity"

40 Frightful river to cross

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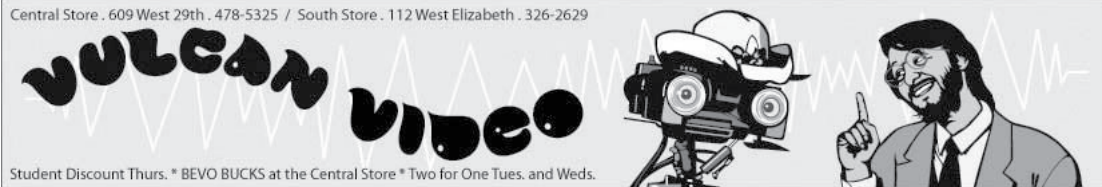
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WEEKEND

Even though South By Southwest music does not officially start until Tuesday, there is a plethora of music-related events happening the weekend before. Below are two events to look out for before the official mayhem begins. Also, look for The Daily Texan's guide to South By Southwest in tomorrow's paper.

WHAT: Cohabitat Party
WHEN: Tonight, 7 p.m.
WHERE: The Scoot Inn
The Scoot Inn is hosting Erik Hokkanen Band and DJ Dr. Strangevibe for one of the first music-related South By Southwest events.

WHAT: Light After Dark
WHEN: Sunday, 9 p.m.
WHERE: Seaholm Power Plant
Vimeo and Nikon are hosting this epic event at the Seaholm Power Plant featuring Diplo and Eclectic Method. More than 3,500 have already said they are attending on Facebook, so get there early or risk not getting in at all.

City of Austin to hold parade, benefit charity for St. Patrick's

By Danielle Wallace
Daily Texan Staff

With St. Patrick's Day fast approaching, Austin is soon to join the ranks of cities across the nation that get into the spirit for the green season with its Central Texas St. Patrick's Day Parade.

While there is something to be said for the shamrocks, fine ales and merriment that often mark the holiday, Austinites can expect to experience more than just the luck of the Irish. Come Saturday, they will have seen the heart.

The city of Austin, local public safety organizations and Fadó Irish Pub have joined forces to bring Celtic spirit to the streets to benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation, an organization dedicated to fighting childhood cancer.

Austin's emergency service workers as well as Emergency Service Pipes and Drums, or ESPADA, a nonprofit organization and band, served as a driving force behind an event that has been four years in the making, said ESPADA president Coitt Kessler. By merging the fun and celebrations of the holiday with a good cause, members hope to raise awareness and offer the city more than just a parade.

"In most parades I've been involved in, at the end, everyone goes their separate ways. When you've crossed the finish line, it's an accomplishment and you pack up your things and go home," Kessler said.

For this event, the end of the pa-

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The Lege on LIQUOR



Shereen Ayub | Daily Texan Staff

Four bills in the Texas Legislature could add local competition against major beer companies and circumvent distributors — a necessary player in the controversial three-tier system between breweries, distributors and consumers.



THIRSTY THURSDAY

By Gerald Rich

For years, the system of Texas alcohol distribution has made overall business more rancid than a Fatty Natty left open for three months. However, with the sizable state budget deficit ranging from \$15 million to \$27 million, legislators are looking for new ways to fill the gap.

The current Texas alcohol distribution relies on what's commonly known as the "three-tier system." Any brewery wanting to sell its goods has to pay a distributor before it reaches the bar or consumer, and distributors as well as large beer corporations pay lobbyists to keep it that way. Beer distribution groups have contributed a total of \$2.5 million to lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry since 2001, according to state finance records cited by The Texas Tribune in a Feb. 17 article.

Some brewpubs, specialty beer bars that can brew their own craft beer instead of selling something like a can of Bud Light, and smaller state craft breweries are openly complaining that this mercantilist system only serves the interest of the distributor and the closely linked larger beer producers. Current-

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Photo courtesy of Local Natives

Indie guitar-based band Local Natives is returning to Austin this Saturday, sharing a line-up with GAYNGS at Stubb's BBQ.

Local Natives talk up recent album, upcoming concert

By Julie Rene Tran
Daily Texan Staff

Like a brewing storm, Californian indie rock quintet Local Natives' music begins with an airy and placid sound that stills time. As three-part harmonies, heavy bass and melodic chords pick up to mirror the intensity of the band's grave yet beautiful lyrics, listeners can easily drift into a hypnotizing reverie.

Local Natives' international acclaim sparked from their first ap-

WHAT: Local Natives and GAYNGS

WHERE: Stubb's Bar-B-Q

WHEN: Friday at 7 p.m.

TICKETS: Sold Out

pearance at South by Southwest in 2009 when they played nine sets and with their debut album

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Alumna writes on Wall Street endeavors

By Christopher Nguyen
Daily Texan Staff

Even though she has recently released her debut memoir, "Suits: A Woman on Wall Street," Nina Godiwalla, a 1996 graduate of UT, never sought to become a writer.

Instead, Godiwalla was a finance-driven McCombs business student. Her days were filled with leadership and academic excellence. By her senior year, she had earned a full-time position with Morgan Stanley financial services in the New York corporate finance sector.

In the bustle of Wall Street, Godiwalla was always on the go; pausing was out of the question. She strove to identify herself as one of the boys. The less she was defined as a Persian-Indian or as a woman, the better. Any low expectations that derived from her gender or public university degree had to be overcome by working longer hours. Whether it was 3 p.m. or 3 a.m., she was on-call for last-minute projects.

To make matters worse, she was from a second-generation immigrant family with parents who wanted their children to have the stable jobs that they could not have in America, and that did not include writing.

However, Godiwalla took a leap in early 2000 to pursue a master's degree in liberal arts at Dartmouth College.

"That was a point in my life where I felt like I had always gone down this path I was supposed to take — this very straight path," Godiwalla said. "I felt like I needed a little bit of room to do whatever I wanted."

In her creative writing classes, Godiwalla wrote short stories based on her life. Away from the rush of New York City, she could actually reflect on her two years as an analyst.

"For me, there was a lot of excitement initially," Godiwalla said. "I had never seen so much money. Most of them were coming from Ivy League schools, and I was being introduced to people I would never have met



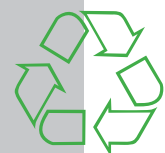
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otherwise. I think I was just awed by everything."

The moments that vividly stuck out were often the most surreal — the close-minded jabs from co-workers, the alcohol-drenched late nights at the trendiest club, the money that was being thrown away for the hell of it, the stress from co-workers numbed by anti-depressants.

She also reflected on her upbringing in a middle-class

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